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COUNTY OFFERS VARIETY OF SERVICES AT RABIES VACCINATION, MICROCHIPPING CLINIC

The County Department of Animal Services will offer a low-cost rabies vaccination, dog licensing and microchipping clinic at its Animal Shelter on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007. The clinic will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at 5480 Gaines St., San Diego.

"Get the shot, the license and the microchip, and pick up a coupon to spay or neuter your pet" said Dawn Danielson, director of the County Department of Animal Services.

There will be $25 coupons available to neuter male dogs, cats and rabbits and $50 coupons to spay female dogs, cats and rabbits. The coupons are only available for residents who live in our service area of the unincorporated county or the cities that contract with us, which include San Diego, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, and Santee.

Rabies vaccinations for dogs (four months or older) and cats (three months or older) will be available for $6. Dog licenses, required by law, may be purchased for one, two, or three years.

With proof of a dog license, the department will microchip dogs for a one-time fee of $20, which includes the registration. There is no license requirement for cats, and the department welcomes both rabbits and cats for microchipping as well.

A microchip is a small transponder, the size of a grain of rice, which is injected under the skin and remains there for the life of the pet. The department scans all stray animals it receives for a microchip. Staff is then able to locate the owner's information through the number on the microchip.

Moreover, owners who have failed to ever license their dog, or have allowed their dog's annual license to lapse, will be offered amnesty from any late fees during the event.

For the protection of owners and their pets, dogs must be on a leash and cats and rabbits in a carrier while at the clinic. For more information, contact the County Department of Animal Services at (619) 236-4250 or visit its Web site at www.sddac.com.

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